

Wolf thanks Pack for eventful year

By Col. Philip Breedlove
8th Fighter Wing commander

Wolf Pack, this year has been huge, THANKS! It has been an honor ... and I am humbled to have been your “Wolf” and command the world’s best fighter wing. Without a doubt, this has been the most rewarding year of my life. My time here has been chocked full of awesome people and priceless memories.

We have been a young Wolf Pack team; however, what we lacked in experience we made up for in attitude. You’ve heard me say it before, “We got attitude!” At the Wolf Pack we are quick to say: “One team, one fight.” Essentially it means we do whatever it takes to get the mission accomplished, together. We did just that.

We’ve weathered floods and typhoons as well as time away from family and friends. We hosted FOAL EAGLE, upgraded quality of life and even improved how we fight and go to war with the arrival of the Block 40 F-16s. We won numerous Air Force, Pacific Air Forces and Seventh Air Force awards as well as recognition from Air Force senior leaders and our Korean friends. We did all of this together, as one team.

In the midst of all this activity, we also exercised, and exercised, and exercised. While tough, we needed to fine tune our war fighting capability. When it came

time to show the PACAF Inspector General just how good we are, we kicked butt, and then some.

Everyone who has ever visited Kunsan, from the steady stream of distinguished visitors to people deployed here temporary duty, walks away knowing the Wolf Pack is second to none. You’ll be hard-pressed to find a tighter knit collection of warriors than at the 8th Fighter Wing.

Time and again, you’ve exceeded my every expectation. During FOAL EAGLE we accepted a joint team of more than 900 follow-on forces and integrated them into wing operations in less than two weeks. We built a world-class tent city, provided superb services and communications support, defended the base and generated sorties without missing a beat.

This year the Wolf Pack became even deadlier with the arrival of the Block 40 F-16s, providing the Wolf Pack the capability to fight day or night. We accepted Block 40s and transferred out Block 30s, a huge job, all done without a hitch, forever changing the way we fly, fight and win.

In between, we worked quality of life issues extremely hard. We’ve opened and renovated dormitories and funded more than \$800,000 in dorm furnishings, mattresses and appliances. Our new commissary is becoming a reality and the new fitness center is next.

When it came time for the ORI, we had a proven

formula for success. Attitude+Teamwork+Safety= Outstanding. Despite early challenges we rocked the IG. Wolf Pack spirit and teamwork led us to an overall “Excellent.”

While the world often never fully appreciates or understands the sacrifices or true value of the military until there is a conflict or war, I do. Therefore, I’d like to thank the entire Wolf Pack and your families for the sacrifices you’ve made this year. I am overwhelmed by the hard work and dedication of each and every member of the Wolf Pack team. Nobody beats the Wolf Pack spirit and steadfast dedication to the mission.

Finally, I’d like to take the opportunity to thank all the commanders, chiefs and first sergeants that kept our fine young airmen on track and focused on the mission. Also, I’d like to thank my wing command section team for keeping me focused.

A special thank you to my wife, Cindy, and our three wonderful children Samantha, Rebecca, and Daniel for putting up with all my long hours over the years and me being away from home this year. I love you all very much.

Again, thank you Wolf Pack. You’ve provided me with a lifetime of memories and true friendships. At the Wolf Pack, every day we remain at armistice you can be proud that you made a huge difference for peace in this world.

May God have mercy on the Wolf Pack’s prey!

Teamwork: Important value makes successful Air Force

By Col. Steven Jones
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HANSCOM AIR FORCE BASE, Mass. (AFPN) - No man is an island. We have heard these words many times before. As part of the world’s greatest Air Force, no words ring more clearly. We are all part of an extremely close-knit team.

During my career, I have held steadfast to the Air Force’s core values of integrity, service before self and excellence in all we do.

I also came to realize that there is another value integral to the success of the Air Force — teamwork.

In my eyes, the definition of TEAM is Together Everyone Achieves More. One of the best examples of fostering teamwork I have witnessed during my 25 years in the Air Force is the development of the Air Force Portal.

The Air Force Portal was developed to support the vision of “One Air Force ... One Network.” It was a collaborative government and contractor effort by Standard Systems Group, Material Systems Group, Electronic Systems

Center, headquarters Air Force organizations, the MITRE Corporation and many other organizations.

Many airmen and contractors from various other offices assisted and supported this effort. The portal team created one of the most powerful and innovative technologies to support the Air Force’s need for total asset visibility and fleet status. Together, they developed new capabilities at an unprecedented rate.

The portal team tied commercial, legacy and desktop applications and data resources to provide a single, customized view of critical mission support information on the desktop.

The team worked under extreme time and budget constraints. We had to go from a blank sheet of paper to an operational prototype in three months. The teamwork by all organizations was key to the on-time, under-budget completion of this prototype.

The team effort is continuing today with new capabilities being added every week and we are currently up to 36,000 customers with plans to go over 100,000 in March.

Everyone shared the vision; were on

the same page; and communicated. These were a few of the key components to this successful team effort.

Working together, we will continue to ensure we remain the world’s greatest Air Force.

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